GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Upgradation of Railway Infrastructure
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government recognises the fact that there is a need to upgrade and improve the present railway infrastructure rather than investing in bullet trains in the country;

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the existing infrastructure of Railways needs huge infusion of funds for upgradation; and

(d) if so, the latest strategies the Government proposes to adopt to upgrade its Railway infrastructure during the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Upgradation and improvement of present rail infrastructure is an ongoing exercise on Indian Railways. Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed train project is funded substantially through Japanese assistance on soft terms and is not at the cost of upgradation of existing infrastructure.

(c) & (d): Investment of ? 8,56,020 crore is envisaged over next 5 years for network expansion/decongestion including national projects, station redevelopment, safety works, acquisition of rolling stock etc.

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